



Financial Assistance for Prescription Drugs

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Canadian Drug Stores

- **Medicine Assist** 1-866-633-7482 (toll free)
www.unitedhealthalliance.com
Low cost prescriptions, no eligibility requirements. Physician faxes a brief form and Rx to pharmacy in Canada. Prescriptions are charged to patient's credit card and delivered to their home. Can refill up to one year. Allow two to three weeks for processing.
- **Clearing House**
www.canadiandrugstores.com
This group has reviewed most of the different Canadian pharmacies offering services to Americans through websites, and supplies links to several of them along with a rating system. Companies are rated based on website content, quality of service, and drug price. This site has a number of other helpful links as well.

Discount Cards for Low-income Seniors

- **Together Rx** 1-800-865-7211
www.together-rx.com
Program began in June, 2002 for Medicare enrollees with no drug coverage and incomes of up to \$28,000 (\$38,000 for couples). Together Rx offers discounts on products from several top drug companies including Abbott Laboratories; AstraZeneca; Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; GaxoSmithKline; Janssen Pharmaceutica Products, L.P.; Novartis; and Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. There is no cost to enroll.
- **Pfizer Share Card** 1-800-717-6005
www.pfizerforliving.com
Pfizer Inc. has its own discount card for Medicare enrollees with no prescription drug coverage and incomes of less than \$18,000 (\$24,000 for couples.) Cardholders can buy a 30-day supply for \$15. CVS drug stores and Wall-Mart pharmacies are participating.
- **Lilly Answers Card** 1-877-795-4559
www.lillyanswers.com
The same income and Medicare rules apply to this card as Pfizer's card. A 30-day supply costs \$12.



Discount Card—No Eligibility Requirements

AARP Prescription Savings Service 1-800-456-2277 or
AARP Member Choice 1-800-439-4457

www.aarp-pharmacy.com

If you are enrolled in an AARP health insurance plan, you have free access to its Prescription Savings Service, which offers discounts on drugs through the mail or at 46,000 pharmacies. If you do not have an AARP-sponsored policy, you can buy an identical service called Member Choice for \$15 a year.

Free Medicines from Manufacturers

Phrma 1-800-762-4636 for a list of participating manufacturers.

www.phrma.org

Free medications for low-income patients who do not have access to private insurance or public programs. Drugs must be requested by your physician and are sent to the physician's office. Two websites make the application process easier for doctors:

- **RxAssist**
www.rxassist.org
- **Rx Hope** 1-908-850-8004 (toll call)
www.rxhope.com

For More Information

HICAP 1-800-434-0222

www.dhs.ca.gov/mcs/mcpd/MBB/contracting/sb393/index

Counseling and advocacy services for senior citizens. Ask about SB 393, which provides prescription drugs at Medi-Cal prices with a Medicare card at participating pharmacies.

Medicare 1-800-633-4227

www.medicare.gov

Information on Prescription Drug Assistance Programs available by zip code. Refers to Medigap Plans, HMO, SB393, Phrma, Medicaid, Federal Employee Benefits, Veterans Benefits, SHIPs.

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